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SUBJECT: LAUNCH OF UK TOP LEVEL GROUP OF PARLIAMENTARIANS
MULTILATERAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND NONPROLIFERATION REF: LONDON 2222

Classified By: Political Counselor Robin Quinville for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C/NF) Summary. Fifteen senior UK parliamentarians launched in London October 29 the Top Level Group of UK Parliamentarians for Multilateral Disarmament "Has to Be Multilateral" -----

3. (SBU) Several of the Group's members underscored that nuclear disarmament should be a multilateral process. Malcolm Rifkind, Conservative What About Trident? -----

4. (SBU/NF) Responding to a question from a journalist about the steps that HMG could take in the NPT Review Conference context, Browne noted Browne's Perspective -----

5. (C/NF) In an October 27 meeting with Poloff, Des Browne stressed the Group's "core belief" that nuclear disarmament should be both incremental and comprehensive

6. (C/NF) Browne underscored to Poloff the willingness of the Group's members to engage with key senators and congressmen on issues related to nuclear disarmament
Comment -----

7. (C) Baroness Williams is correct in asserting that the Group's creation reflects a shift in thinking about multilateral nuclear disarmament
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